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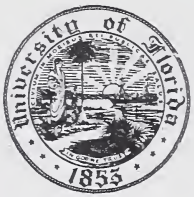

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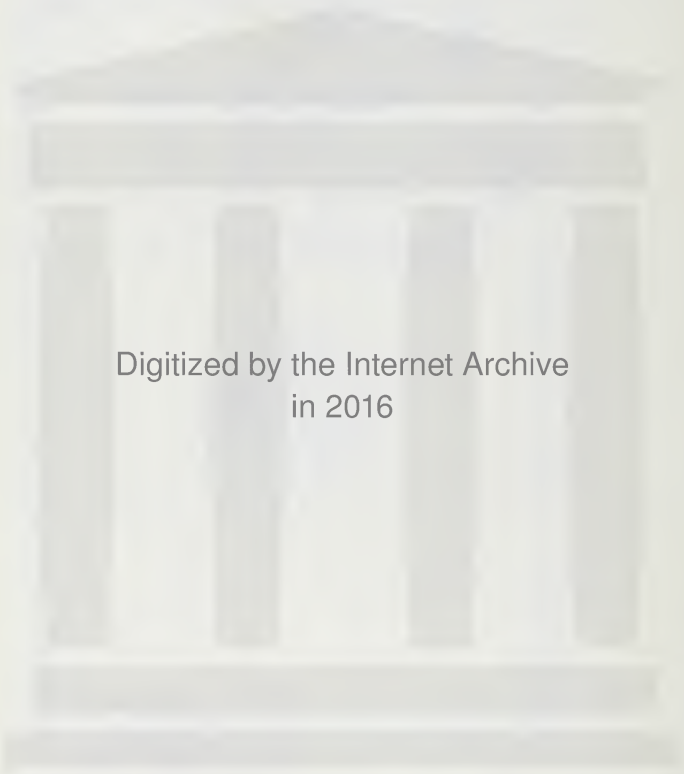
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Biography

William Oswald Mills was born in Bethlehem, Caroline County, Md., August 12, 1924; attended the Caroline County public schools; entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served with General Patton's 3d Army during the crossing of the Rhine River in Germany; awarded the Bronze Star; local manager, Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., for Preston, Denton, and Bainbridge, Md., 1946–50, and commercial manager for the Maryland counties of Caroline and Talbot, 1950–62; administrative assistant to Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton, 1962–71; elected as a Republican, by special election, to the 92d Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rogers C. B. Morton; reelected to the 93d Congress, and served from May 27, 1971, until his death in Easton, Md., May 24, 1973; interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Federalsburg, Md.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

WILLIAM O. MILLS

Proceedings in the House

THURSDAY, *May 24, 1973.*

The House met at 11 o'clock a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong.—I Corinthians 16: 13.

Almighty God, who guided our fathers to build on these shores a country of free people and who didst put into their minds a dream that this land may become one nation with liberty and justice for all, move Thou within our hearts that we may continue to fulfill this goal in our day.

We come again to our national day of remembrance when we call to mind those who have given their lives for our country. Inspired by their devotion and challenged by their dedication may we give ourselves afresh to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people may not perish from the earth.

Bless the family of our beloved colleague, WILLIAM O. MILLS, who so suddenly has left us. Comfort them with Thy spirit and strengthen them for the days that lie ahead.

In Thy holy name we pray. Amen.

Mr. GUDE. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce to the House the passing of our colleague, WILLIAM MILLS of the First District of Maryland. At a later date I will request that a date be set for a eulogy in his memory.

Mr. Speaker, I now move that the House stand in recess until 12:30 in honor of and respect to the memory of BILL MILLS.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 12 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

Mr. GUDE. Mr. Speaker, services on behalf of the late Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS will be held at St. Marks Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Easton, Md., on Saturday, May 26, 1973, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 411

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS, a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That a committee of twelve Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to attend the funeral the following Representatives: Mr. Gude, Mr. Long of Maryland, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Byron, Mr. Mitchell of Maryland, Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Holt, Mr. Gross, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Dulski, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Grover.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 221, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on May 29 next.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 221, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 1973, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *May 29, 1973.*

Mrs. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, last week we suffered the loss of a dedicated Representative and good friend. I think the following article by Norman Harrington provides an accurate portrayal of the character of our departed colleague WILLIAM O. MILLS:

[From the News American, May 27, 1973]

MILLS' DEATH AN ENIGMA

(By Norman Harrington)

Easton.—Why did he do it?

One hundred and sixty-seven days ago, WILLIAM O. MILLS won one of the most smashing election victories in First Congressional District history.

The Easton Republican, who had been elected May 25, 1971, in a special contest to fill the seat vacated when his former boss and mentor, Rogers C. B. Morton, was named Secretary of the Interior, took 214 of the 216 precincts in the sprawling 13-county area. The official tally showed he polled 69.90 per cent of the 114, 742 votes cast, swamping his Democratic opponent, Del. John R. Hargreaves of Caroline county by a plurality of 45,670.

BILL MILLS was buried Saturday, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot blast.

Why did he do it?

I have known BILL MILLS for 23 years, since he came to Easton in 1950 as commercial manager for the C. & P. Telephone Company. I was editor of the weekly Eastern Star Democrat at the time, and as he joined the Morton campaign trail, ran the Morton staff for a decade and then became a Congressman in his own right, a close relationship continued.

Yet, why did he do it?

I can't answer that question with any more certainty than can members of his family, the countless friends of both political parties whose respect and admiration he earned throughout the district, or especially, Rog Morton who told Lee Belser of the News American Washington Bureau on Friday that MILLS' death was a "mystery" to him.

Sure, there was that overplayed bit about a $25,000 contribution from the President's campaign committee to MILLS' special congressional race in 1971 which went unreported under Maryland law.

But commit suicide over that?

MILLS noted in response that ordinarily such details were the responsibility of his campaign manager, a veteran of seven successful contests during each of which he had meticulously detailed receipts and disbursements and filed reports on time in Annapolis even if it meant driving there, rather than trust mail delivery. When the chairman in this instance was apparently assured that no less a person than the attorney general of the United States was heading the President's committee and that all necessary reports would be made, how could there be any question in his mind that everything was being done according to law?

But charges were made and innuendos hinted.

Others would have regarded this as a minor thing, a correctible mistake, an oversight, at most a slap on the wrist and a campaign issue for next year's opponent.

BILL MILLS took the charges to heart, no matter how untrue he knew them to be. This was his nature.

Outwardly, he appeared always smiling seemingly unflappable. Inwardly, anything imputing his integrity or even hinting of dishonesty got to him.

It is a sad commentary but the political arena can be a rough place for a man like BILL MILLS who was really quite thin-skinned and easily hurt.

To say that in this he was being a characteristically simple, honest, hard-working Eastern Shoreman through and through would be something understood fully by only another native.

Perhaps others will understand if I say BILL MILLS was the kind of a person, who, finding a dime on the pavement near a parking meter, would go up and down both sides of the block to locate the person who dropped it rather than put it in his pocket.

Someone else described MILLS as so conscientious that if he felt a single letter had gone out from his office in a franked envelope that should have a stamp, he would rush to the nearest post office to give the postmaster eight cents.

That explains why he got so up tight when a charge was made by his opponent during one campaign that he had abused the franking privilege for a political mailing. He agonized over that for weeks, although it was wholly without basis in fact.

The sheer size of Maryland's First Congressional District, encompassing as it does, nearly half of the state's geography and its proximity to Washington is a man-killing job for anyone who represents it on the Hill.

The Congressman and his aides must be in Washington during the day and appear at functions throughout the District at night.

There's no way to avoid it and survive politically.

MILLS had hoped to get some respite this summer on a boat he had purchased and in fact, discussed certain details with the broker the day before his death. He had figured he and his family could enjoy the boat this year, because all next summer he would be on the campaign trail.

Parenthetically, it should be said that money could hardly have been a factor in what he did.

He had continued to live modestly as a congressman in the same house he had built as a telephone company employe in Clifton, a suburb of Easton, 15 years ago.

MILLS was undoubtedly physically exhausted when the disclosure of the campaign contribution hit. He described the harassment he and his staff endured from Washington news media as "unbelievable."

"They would call and make the most outlandish statements, hoping to get an angered response," he asserted.

Come to think of it, his wariness of metropolitan media had been apparent over the years; he felt somehow that anything he said would be distorted. They found him inaccessible, while the experience of newsmen in the First District was the opposite—he was always available and spoke in complete candor. Fact is, I guess his country boy innate distrust of the city never left him.

When I talked with MILLS on Wednesday morning, he did appear disturbed by what he regarded as spurious charges, by the unfairness of it all not only to him, but to his family, to his staff and those who worked for him previously and because of death in a tragic automobile accident were no longer able to defend themselves.

MILLS was obviously unaware of any details of the $25,000 contribution other than the fact that help had been promised from the President's committee for his special election campaign.

"Golly, if I had known this was hanging over me all these months, I don't know what I would have done," he said. The first he knew about it was what he read in the papers.

He said he thought under the circumstances he should cancel several public appearances, especially commencement addresses, because of "this cloud over me." I said, "BILL, there's no cloud. People will believe you. Just tell them the truth."

He changed his mind and decided to go ahead with his schedule.

There was more conversation about the ambiguity of the election contribution reported law—how a candidate is responsible for making reports of expenditures and has absolutely no control over any group that decides to raise money and spend it in his behalf. MILLS mentioned specifically an organization in Annapolis that had raised and spent $8,000 in the special election campaign.

"The first I knew about it was when they filed a report which, fortunately, they did," he said.

MILLS appeared in better spirits when I left him. He certainly gave no indication of extreme depression or other sign of suicidal intent. House colleagues, aides and others who were with him throughout the day and evening have confirmed this impression.

MILLS talked with George Detrich, news director of Easton radio station WEMD at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening. He made a tape which was re-

played on the air before news of his death came shortly before 8 a.m. Thursday. MILLS voice sounded a bit strained according to some who heard it but that could have been an afterthought on their part.

WEDNESDAY, *May 30, 1973.*

Mr. STUCKEY. Mr. Speaker, the death last Thursday morning of Representative WILLIAM MILLS of Maryland is a tragedy in the fullest sense of the word. I offer my condolences to MILLS' wife and two children.

It was my pleasure to get to know MILLS on a recent congressional trip to Africa and I was very saddened to learn of his death.

He had served the State of Maryland well for many years in both business and governmental capacities and he had served his country well, winning the Bronze Star for action in the U.S. Army during World War II.

As administrative assistant to Rogers Morton for 9 years, MILLS gained the experience in government that earned him the support of the people on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He was elected to Congress in May 1971 when Morton became Interior Secretary.

A quietly conservative down-to-earth man, MILLS knew many of the people in his area on a first name basis and concerned himself a great deal with local issues. The First District of Maryland has lost an able Representative.

FRIDAY, *June 1, 1973.*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today to express my shock and deep sense of loss at the tragic news of Mr. MILLS' passing. I had the honor and privilege of serving with BILL in committee; I had the distinction of knowing his kind humor and warm friendship which he gave so generously to this entire body.

To BILL's family I extend my sorrow and sympathy. Life has never equipped us adequately to deal with such events.

BILL had only been a Member for a few years, but in a sense he has long been a part of Congress. His record and service with former Representative Rogers C. B. Morton are well known. Mr. MILLS has left his mark on this institution.

The hand of death always seems to strike without warning. However, we should not let it obscure the man himself, his good works, the love of his family, the respect of his friends, or the support he enjoyed from his constituents. It is deeply troubling that we have lost this man.

WEDNESDAY, *June 6, 1973.*

The SPEAKER. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gude) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. GUDE. Mr. Speaker, BILL MILLS was a warm, friendly, and likable man whose death is mourned by the many he helped and served. He had represented the large congressional district surrounding Maryland's Chesapeake Bay for just 2 years, but his constituents had come to rely on him as a man who was, as the Baltimore Sun recently noted, "attentive, reliable, and most important, totally representative of the traditional conservative qualities they espouse."

Born WILLIAM OSWALD MILLS in Caroline County, he graduated from the Federalsburg High School in 1941 and soon afterward entered the Army, serving throughout World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery after crossing the Rhine with General George S. Patton's 3d Army.

After the war, he was employed by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., becoming commercial manager in 1950.

In 1962, then-Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton asked him to become his administrative assistant. Over the next 9 years, BILL served well and nonpolitically. He was a boy from a simple, small-town background, who had never been to college, but who worked hard and well. He and the imposing, sophisticated and outgoing Congressman made a great team.

Some were surprised when BILL set out to run for the congressional seat, which became vacant when Congressman Morton was named

Secretary of the Interior in early 1971. BILL surprised them by not only running but winning, and winning again in this past election. But no one should have been surprised, because BILL stayed close to his constituents, driving home each day to his district, and making special efforts on his people's behalf.

There is a file in his office of thank you letters—letters written just before the news of his death. He never saw them. Most of the letters are handwritten and several are on simple, lined paper. A woman from Cambridge wrote:

I want you to know how much I appreciate what you have done for me. Thank you for your concern, your help and the time that you spent on this matter.

A woman from Compton wrote thanking BILL for helping in a social security dispute. She said:

We do need a man like you to try and do something for the old people.

Another letter:

I wish to thank you very much for helping me to locate my passport and bringing it over from Washington personally.

Another:

Your interest and help are very much appreciated. It is both comforting and reassuring to know that there is someone like yourself who can and is willing to actually do something for the people that he represents.

A letter from Salisbury thanked BILL for help in a food stamp problem. A letter from Edgewood thanked him for help with the Veterans' Administration and said:

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And a letter from Bryans Road said:

Thank you for your concern for the little people of your district.

These letters show the concern that BILL MILLS had for his constituents and the pride they took in his work. For these and other reasons, BILL had a rewarding and very useful career still ahead of him.

His death thus grieves many. I particularly extend by sympathy and that of my family to BILL's wife, Norma, and their two children, Lynda Mills Haley and Bill, Jr., who have lost a loving and attentive husband and father, respectively, and to BILL's fine congressional staff.

Mr. LONG of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, BILL MILLS was a gracious gentleman and a hard-working Congressman. He loved the Eastern Shore of Maryland and worked hard to represent its people. He had acquired just at the start of the 93d Congress one of the counties of my old district—Harford County—so I had ample opportunity to hear from friends in that area about his work. I heard nothing but praise for his dedication to the job and his interest in the people.

BILL MILLS had been an able administrative assistant to Rogers Morton, our former colleague, who went on to become the Secretary of the Interior.

As a Congressman he again demonstrated his willingness to work for his constituents. He was genial, amiable and sensitive. His people knew that BILL cared about them.

I shall miss BILL MILLS. Mrs. Long and I have extended to the family our deepest sympathy and regret.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert in the Record excerpts from editorials about BILL MILLS in the Baltimore Evening Sun and News-American. They speak of BILL MILLS' dedication to and friendship with the people for whom he stood in the 92d and 93d Congresses.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

The material referred to follows:

[From the News American, May 25, 1973]

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM O. MILLS

The death of Rep. WILLIAM O. MILLS, R-Md., is a tragedy for his family, his friends, and for the residents of the First Congressional District where he was twice elected to office by substantial margins.

Mr. MILLS, 48, was a protege of Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton, and gained Capitol Hill experience as Mr. Morton's top aide during the latter's years as the congressman from the Eastern Shore. When Mr. Morton resigned to become a Cabinet officer, Mr. MILLS won a special election to fill the vacancy and was re-elected last fall.

During his time in office, Mr. MILLS became a faithful supporter of the policies of President Nixon, departing from the White House position only on a handful of issues where a contrary vote was dictated by the interests of the First District.

He was known to his colleagues as a hard-working congressman who put a high priority on maintaining offices in his home district and answering requests of constituents.

Tragedy struck the office of Rep. MILLS once before. Three key members of his staff were killed last year in an automobile accident on the Eastern Shore. . . .

It is a fact that a promising political career has been cut short and a man liked and respected on the Eastern Shore and in Maryland is gone. We extend our deep sympathies to his family.

[From the Baltimore Evening Sun, May 25, 1973]

His Bay country constituents, too, will realize that in BILL MILLS they had one of their own. Unlike his mentor and immediate predecessor—the huge, bluff, charismatic Rogers Morton—Mr. MILLS was small, unassuming, a painstakingly conscientious doer of Washington chores. He functioned less as a grand political leader than as a public servant, a man who knew his own limits and preferred to serve his great, sprawling district by staying within it and within himself. A hotel man in Ocean City, an oysterman in Dorchester, a tobacco grower in St. Marys—these were BILL MILLS' people. He liked to hunt and fish with them, afterward to tell jokes down at the Elks. He wasn't so sure about Fourth-of-July type speechmaking, and neither are the rural skeptics he walked with. What he was sure about was his deep attachment to the flat, water-deckled region for which he stood in Congress and for which, most nights, he put Washington behind him and turned his car happily eastward for the long drive to the bridge and home. That was where he belonged, and his strength was that he knew it.

Mrs. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our departed colleague, WILLIAM O. MILLS.

BILL MILLS was an Eastern Shore man motivated by a driving desire to represent the interests of his constituents and prove himself worthy of their trust. It was to this end that he dedicated his considerable energies and talents. The effects of his leadership and dedication are evident in his many accomplishments for the First District of Maryland.

None of us can comprehend the effect on BILL of the tragic loss of his three staff members last year. This tragedy was ever with him, the burden constantly pressing on him. My heart today is doubly heavy because I could not comfort my friend during his time of need, because I could not find words to make his burden more bearable.

BILL MILLS was above all an honorable man. The House has lost an honest, dedicated Representative. The First District has lost a good Representative. We have all lost a dear friend.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I express my compliments to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gude) for the service he is providing to the House today. I join him in expressing to the family of our former colleague, our good friend BILL MILLS, my personal condolence, as chairman of the subcommittee on which he served, which met a few hours before the unfortunate event transpired.

He was an effective, courageous, dedicated and decent man, a valuable member of the subcommittee who represented his constituents faithfully, honorably, and well. It was only a matter of a few hours before the unfortunate event took place, which took BILL MILLS from us, that he was working with the subcommittee, involved in matters of fisheries and wildlife conservation and water management, all of great concern to him and to the people he served. He appeared, I might say, downcast and sorrowful, prior to the unfortunate event which subsequently took him from us.

He was at all times a gentle man and in all matters thoroughly considerate as a Representative of the people of his district and the United States, a valuable member of the subcommittee and a valuable Member of this body. I personally am sorrowful over the loss of the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding so that I might join in this tribute to our distinguished colleague and good friend BILL MILLS.

BILL MILLS was elected to his seat as Representative from Maryland's First Congressional District in the special election held on May 25, 1971, almost 2 years to the day before his tragic death. He was subsequently reelected last year to a full term in the 93d Congress. His tenure as a Member of Congress was only a part of his long and distinguished service on Capitol Hill. For nearly a decade prior to his election he served as administrative assistant to Congressman Rogers Morton, who was then Congressman from the First District.

The First District in Maryland encompasses the Eastern Shore, which all Marylanders recognize as a distinctive and special part of our State. Despite his long career in Washington, BILL MILLS' deepest ties were always to the shore. He was born and raised there. Except for the World War II period, when he served as a soldier in General Patton's 3d Army and was awarded a Bronze Star for bravery, he lived all his life there. He shared the spirit of the Eastern

Shore and understood its concerns. His years in Washington never weakened his strong identification with the people he represented and the communities he knew so well. For more than 10 years he commuted daily from his home in Easton to his work on Capitol Hill. He devoted his energies in Washington above all to solving the varied problems of his constituents and they never forgot his concern.

BILL MILLS' death was made more tragic by its circumstances. He was a devoted family man, and a thoughtful person of good nature and deep sensitivity. His loss will be deeply felt by his constituents and by his colleagues. He will be greatly missed in the Maryland delegation and in the House of Representatives.

I join with my colleagues in extending heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Norma Lea, his two children, Lynda and Bill, Jr., and to the other members of his family.

Mr. MITCHELL of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I suppose BILL MILLS and I represented the exact opposite ends of the political spectrum, and we probably represented the exact opposite ends of our ideological positions. Therefore, someone might ask, "If this is true, how do you have the nerve to stand in this well and eulogize this man?"

Mr. Speaker, the answer is very simple. Despite political and ideological differences, I have to admire him because of the industry that he brought to his job, the industriousness that he gave to his work. I have to admire him because he represented a district that had a particular political and ideological stance and he never deviated from the thoughts and wishes of his district. Therefore, I have to admire him.

I first knew him when he was the administrative assistant to then Congressman Morton, and I was a civil servant of the State and then a civil servant of the city. I remember so well that when I could not get to Congressman Morton, I could get to BILL MILLS, and I remember so well the meticulous attention to detail that he gave to the problems that we brought to him.

How can one not help but admire a man who had those capabilities?

Mr. Speaker, I remember him so well at our Maryland delegation luncheons. He was always affable, always pleasant, always attentive, always willing to contribute and always willing to listen. Surely one must admire a man like that.

Mr. Speaker, there have been various citizens' groups that came to Washington from Maryland, some of them lobbying for programs and ideas that BILL did not necessarily support, but he came and listened. Therefore, we have to admire him. Of course, we shall miss him. Of course, he did an excellent job representing his district.

Of course, out of a sense of very deep-felt sorrow I extend my sincere condolences to his wife and the members of his family.

Mr. BYRON. Mr. Speaker, all of us were shocked by the passing of Congressman WILLIAM O. MILLS from Maryland's First Congressional District. He was a man both jovial and serious who took his duties and responsibilities as an elected official with the utmost seriousness. His presence in this Chamber and in the Maryland delegation will be missed, and I know that his concern and interest in his constituents will be missed by those he represented so ably for almost 2 years.

BILL MILLS came to politics late in his life, but it was obvious to everyone that he enjoyed the political process and that he took great pride in his elected office. His business background had prepared him well for his public service. As an officer with the telephone company on the Eastern Shore, he had spent most of his life working with and for people; and he knew the value and importance of service. Long before he came to Washington he was a respected figure on the Eastern Shore beyond Easton and Talbot County. Those who knew him as a business man and an aid on the Hill and later as a Congressman could detect no change in his outlook of dedication and service. The interests of his constituents was primary in his mind. Their views, their welfare, and their difficulties he took a direct interest in on a daily basis. He worked long and diligently to represent those citizens who elected him, and his passing is a personal loss to this body, his constituency, but above all his family and friends in Easton. It was an honor to have known BILL MILLS and to have worked closely with him for this short period.

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Speaker, it was my great privilege and pleasure for all too brief a time, as with the rest of us, to know and serve here with BILL MILLS.

BILL was a person who certainly, as has been said, took the responsibilities and work of his office seriously but never took BILL MILLS too seriously. He had a wonderful sense of humor, always friendly,

warm, and outgoing whenever you met him here in the Chamber or elsewhere.

I had the rare privilege of also knowing BILL MILLS away from this Chamber. I visited BILL and his family on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He was as much a part of the indigenous to that area as I would like to think all of us might be to the parts of America we came from. I was with him in his home community in Easton.

I remember well one day going into a very modest diner to get something to eat there, and you know, Mr. Speaker, how it is here where we came in in the morning and the garage attendant or the elevator attendant says, "Good morning, Congressman." Well, there it was "Good morning, BILL," "How are you, BILL," and "Good to see you, BILL." You realized it was truly a man who was a part of his district and the people and who knew them so well and they knew him so well. You could feel the warmth and affection and confidence they had in their Representative.

Then may I say I had the privilege of being in the field and hunting with this man and sharing with him the duckblind. In those circumstances, Mr. Speaker, you get acquainted with a man and find out truly what his values and feelings and concerns are.

May I say probably no Member of this Chamber will be longer reminded of BILL MILLS than shall I because of a very simple little statement I happened to make and how seriously he took it and responded to it.

I said to him one time when we were hunting how much I admired one of our native American dogs, the greatest of the rugged retrievers, the Chesapeake Bay retriever. It was a very casual comment that I happened to make while we were sharing a duckblind, but it was more than that to BILL MILLS, because unbeknownst to me at the time that set in motion a series of events where he went to considerable effort to locate for me and arrange for me to go with him to the Eastern Shore of Maryland where I got a little Chesapeake puppy that now is on the shores of the river St. Lawrence in the far northern part of our country.

I remembered flying down with BILL. I said:

BILL, you are about to get the dog for me that you have arranged for me, and I do not even have a name for the dog.

And as we were looking down through the windows of the plane while we were flying down there, and I was looking at all the beautiful Tidewater country that spread below me, I continued, and I said:

I think maybe I have a name for the dog. I know that the dog has to bear the name of the kennel, which is the Burning Tree Kennel. I think we will call her Tidewater of Burning Tree.

I felt very deeply and personally the loss of my friend BILL MILLS. I tried to dismiss my feelings of sorrow over his death as I returned to the far northern part of the State of New York where my home is. I thought I was getting over my grief. Then as I came into my home you know, of course, who ran out to greet me—no one but Tidewater of Burning Tree—we call her "Tidy"—a beautiful red Chesapeake Bay retriever. Every time I return home each week now I am reminded by her presence of the wonderful friendship, thoughtfulness and kindness of this man to a colleague such as myself who happened to mention that he liked a certain breed of dog, and who went to the trouble to find out whether or not he could get a fine specimen of a Chesapeake Bay retriever for me.

To BILL's widow, Norma, and to his son and daughter, I extend my deepest sympathies on the very real loss they have suffered. To the people of the First District of Maryland who truly lost a Representative who was so much a part of that district, who knew them, loved them, and knew their problems—and as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gude) quoted from the letters from those constituents which showed the interest that BILL MILLS took in their personal problems and their concerns—they too have suffered a real loss. I want his widow, Norma, and his constituents to know that someone from the far reaches of the northern part of New York shares with them a real sorrow in BILL MILLS' death.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues from Maryland and other colleagues in paying a last word of tribute to our late colleague, BILL MILLS.

I think it is appropriate to say that, from the Speaker's Chair, almost every day during the time BILL MILLS was a Member of this House I saw him in the Chamber in one of the front rows as the Chaplain offered his opening prayer.

BILL MILLS was, I believe, one of the most attentive Members in the House. I saw him here nearly all of the time. He was present not

just for rollcalls, but throughout the daily sessions of the House. He was always friendly and he was always pleasant. The tragedy of his death shook me deeply, as I am sure it has shaken every Member of this Chamber. While other Members knew him better than I, I came to know him well enough to realize that he was a real gentleman, a man with concerns and interests not only in his own family and his constituency, but in everyone with whom he came in contact.

He was a fine man and I shall miss his presence here as long as I remain in this Chamber.

I extend to his widow and children my deepest sympathy.

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Speaker, there certainly is little that can be added to the beautiful tributes that have been paid to BILL MILLS by his colleagues here today. So I would only say that, recognizing all the qualities that have been referred to by my colleagues in their previous remarks, there was one that perhaps has not been mentioned, and that was the deep sense of real humility that BILL MILLS possessed. I considered the acquaintance that I had with BILL on a social basis something that I shall long remember because, indeed, he was in every sense a fine man.

Mr. DU PONT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding so that I might take a moment to pay my respects to and say a final word about our colleague, BILL MILLS. His death to me was a very sad and tragic thing.

BILL and I served together on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. We also had districts that were adjacent to one another, and a great many problems were common to our districts. We worked closely together on many of those problems, and I came to know him as a man deeply concerned and dedicated. I think he had but one goal in life. It was a very simple one. It was to serve his constituency and his country to the very best of his ability. I am proud to say that he did that.

I knew him as a man of utmost honor and integrity, and he was a faithful and loyal friend.

The people of the Eastern Shore have lost a very fine Congressman; Delaware has lost a friend; and the United States has lost a good man.

Mr. FLYNT. Mr. Speaker, I join in tribute to our departed colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM MILLS, the late Representative of Maryland.

BILL MILLS endeared himself to all of us who were privileged to serve with him. He was a great Representative of his district, the First District of Maryland, and, indeed, the State of Maryland.

I certainly wish to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gude), with the Speaker of the House, and with others who have preceded me in paying tribute to this fine man and friend. He was a great Representative of his State. He was a great American. We were shocked, indeed, by the news of his untimely death. It was a tragedy which brings close to all of us the atmosphere and the times in which we find ourselves.

Mrs. Flynt and I want to extend our heartfelt sympathy and our condolences to Mrs. Mills and to their children.

Mr. FRENZEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to reflect on the passing of Congressman BILL MILLS and to acknowledge my personal feeling that BILL was one of the really fine Members of this body with whom I served.

It is hard not to know pretty well the Members of one's own class in Congress, especially when they are of the same political persuasion. It is also very difficult not to form personal judgments in those associations, especially when those associations are close and warm, as mine were with BILL.

From the daily contact that I had with BILL MILLS, I can only conclude that it was a privilege and a great good fortune to me to serve with such a Congressman and such a fine human being. I respected his judgment, and I valued his friendship.

I miss BILL MILLS, and I find the Congress poorer for his absence.

I offer my sincerest sympathy to his family and my best wishes for their future happiness.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my other colleagues in the House in expressing my deep sorrow at the passing of WILLIAM MILLS. I have known BILL in passing each other in the corridor here. It was a deep shock to all of us to hear of his tragic passing. I have listened to the statements made by many of the employees around the Capitol about how sorrowful they felt on learning of his passing.

Bill Mills was a dedicated public servant. He was a hard worker and, as the Speaker has pointed out, very attentive to his duties. He had a fine war record, serving with the famed 3d Army Division under General Patton, and he served his nation well and his beloved country, representing his Eastern Shore district. He loved his work in the Capitol. I knew him first when he was working as the administrative assistant for former Congressman Rogers Morton. Bill carried on his work there very well.

We are all going to miss Bill Mills because he was a kindly man and a good family man. I hope in this hour of sorrow his widow and his children will get some comfort out of our prayers and our sympathy.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathy to the family of the late Honorable Mr. Bill Mills. Although my acquaintance with him was rather brief I truly enjoyed his friendship, one of cheerfulness, and one which made me feel that my friendship was really appreciated.

I think if an epitaph can be written in one sentence about our friend, it is this:

That unto the very end he lived an honorable life.

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Speaker, I cannot help but note the air of sadness in the Chamber this evening insofar as the eulogies for Bill Mills are concerned. It seems so sad we have to wait until a time such as this to suddenly realize the loss we have all suffered. I have known Bill Mills for a number of years, long before I came to this Chamber. Bill Mills, although he was a gentleman from the Eastern Shore, was a rare combination of sportsman and family man and businessman and a courageous individual. I enjoyed my acquaintanceship with him over the years.

Rogers Morton and his administrative aide used to talk to me and then when he came to the House, Mr. Mills made a contribution most rare in these days because he was knowledgeable. He very rarely exercised any animosity for anyone as an individual.

The thing that really disturbs me is the underlying reason for our loss of Bill Mills. It would seem ironic that this situation should develop for a man like Bill Mills in the prime of life and a very capable leader, one who has been known to all of his colleagues as a

man of integrity and outstanding courage, a churchman and a family man.

So I find myself tonight with the gentlemen who are here expressing this one thing: Our sorrow for his family. I extend to Mrs. Mills and the family my sincere condolences.

Mr. GUDE. Mr. Speaker, one of the officers of the House, Jimmie Lea, is a longtime friend and associate of Mr. MILLS. I know he shares in the thoughts that have been expressed by so many of our colleagues here on the floor of the House.

Mr. BROYHILL of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it was with deepest regret that I learned of the recent death of our colleague from Maryland, BILL MILLS. He was a most pleasant and likeable person, who, in his few years as a Congressman impressed his colleagues with his hard work and his dedication to serving his constitutents.

BILL MILLS was proud of representing the State of Maryland and the Eastern Shore, and I know that those he served so well are saddened by his loss.

He will be missed as well by all of us who knew and worked with him in the House of Representatives.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, we gather here today to pay tribute to the memory of our late colleague, WILLIAM O. MILLS of Maryland.

I did not have the privilege of a long and personal friendship with BILL MILLS. And yet, I knew him to be personable, thoughtful, courteous and a dedicated legislator.

His tragic death has taken from our ranks a man who, in his brief period of service, left his mark on this body.

He will be sorely missed by his colleagues with whom he worked, his constituents whom he served, and his family whom he loved.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of deep sadness that I join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to the memory of the late Congressman WILLIAM O. MILLS. Word of BILL MILLS' tragic death just days ago stunned this Chamber. His absence diminishes this body as his presence distinguished it.

BILL MILLS served his country with diligence, first as a congressional staff member, and later, as a forceful and conscientious Congressman.

I know the loss of BILL MILLS is felt acutely by all present and most particularly by his First District of Maryland constituents. The sum of his contributions to their well-being will continue to be tallied for a long time to come.

At this time, I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Mills and the Mills children on the death of this good man and dedicated public servant.

Mr. MIZELL. Mr. Speaker, I join with all of my colleagues in expressing the deepest sorrow at the passing of our good friend and colleague, WILLIAM MILLS.

BILL MILLS was a man who knew the work of the Congress as well as any freshman Member has ever known it. Working for years as administrative assistant to our former colleague, and now the distinguished Secretary of the Interior, Rogers Morton, BILL MILLS grew to love the Congress and its work enough to seek a place in its membership himself.

His constituents in the First District of Maryland appreciated that loyalty and that ability enough to elect him as their Representative, and the wisdom of their selection was proven time and again through his service in this body.

We have lost a good friend and an able servant of the people, and our body is diminished by his absence from us.

Mr. MOORHEAD of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in their sorrow over the recent untimely death of our friend and fellow Representative, WILLIAM MILLS of Maryland.

BILL came to Congress just 2 years ago and in that short time he established a reputation as a truly concerned and diligent Representative of the people of Maryland's First District.

His service on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and the Post Office and Civil Service was nothing less than distinguished and all of us benefited from his presence here on the floor.

I would like to offer my condolences to his wife, Norma, and two children, William, Jr., and Lynda, along with the hope that God will sustain them in their time of need.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker it was with a sense of real shock and sadness that I learned of the death of my colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS. BILL was a person of highest integrity, who

served his district, his State, and his Nation with dedication and honor. We who knew him well in our association in the House recognized him as a fine person, who was richly deserving of the esteem and unreserved respect he enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, in the passing of WILLIAM MILLS, we have all suffered the loss of an outstanding public servant, and I have lost a true friend. I join my colleagues and Americans everywhere in mourning that loss, and in extending my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr. DOMINICK V. DANIELS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute in this body to our late and beloved colleague, WILLIAM O. MILLS of Maryland's First District.

Mr. Speaker, I served with BILL MILLS on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. I knew him as a quiet, sincere and totally dedicated Member who chose to let his actions not his words speak for him. A Hill staff member before he was elected to Congress on May 25, 1971, to succeed Rogers C. B. Morton, BILL had been Secretary Morton's administrative assistant all during the latter's service in the House.

At 48 years of age representing a relatively safe district, all of us, I am sure, would have thought that BILL would have continued to represent his bay country district for many more years to come. But the ways of divine providence are often inscrutable to mere mortals, and BILL has gone back to the Eastern Shore he loved so well. It is my hope that he will sleep the sleep of the just and find the peace that he lacked during his last days among us. I know that I shall miss him very much, his basic goodness, his quiet sense of humor and his total dedication to his country.

Mrs. Daniels joins with me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mills and BILL's children in their time of sorrow.

Mr. PRICE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we were all deeply saddened by the news of the untimely passing of our friend and colleague from Maryland, BILL MILLS.

BILL was the kind of man who did not spend much time talking; he just got the job done. He did not believe in fanfare or in capturing headlines. His main goal was to be an effective Representative and voice in the Congress for the people of Maryland's Eastern Shore, his good friends and neighbors to whom he returned home at the end of

each day. He did his job and in so doing earned the respect and admiration of those of us privileged to work with him.

The passing of BILL MILLS must be regarded as a loss to all of us who believe as he did in constitutionally sound government. Particularly at this time I offer to Mrs. Mills and family my sincere condolences and prayers that they might be comforted at this most difficult time.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, we pause today to pay tribute to BILL MILLS—a man who, in only a short tenure in the Congress, showed so much promise and potential to be a fine public servant.

BILL came to the Congress with the added experience of having served in a staff position with one of our truly outstanding former Members and now Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton. For that reason, BILL already knew the ropes and he sensed the weight of responsibility involved with service in the Congress. These added to his stature and his effectiveness.

BILL MILLS was genteel. He was quiet. He was unassuming. He tended to business. He truly worked at his job. He served the residents of his district so ably and so well.

All of us who knew him feel that we have lost a good friend and a respected colleague. I was very proud to call him a friend. The Congress misses BILL MILLS.

We extend our warmest wishes to his wife and family.

Mr. WAGGONNER. Mr. Speaker, with the feeling of sadness that accompanies the loss of a friend and colleague, I join in paying tribute to the life and memory of the late WILLIAM O. MILLS.

When I came to Congress in 1961, BILL was serving as Rogers C. B. Morton's administrative assistant; and I remember well the outstanding job he was doing then. With this knowledge of his past record and experience, I was pleased that the people of Maryland's First District chose to elect him to serve in the 92d Congress when Rogers Morton chose to resign. BILL's contributions during his tenure of office here in the House were significant, and he served diligently and well on both the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. It was an honor for me to serve along with him in the 92d Congress and during these first months of the 93d Congress.

Words alone cannot express my feelings in regard to the tragic loss of our distinguished colleague. He will be truly missed by those of us who knew him well. I extend my deepest sympathy to BILL's entire family in this time of sorrow.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I certainly share the feelings of esteem and high regard which others have expressed today for our former colleague, BILL MILLS, and I am grateful for this opportunity to pay my respects to his memory.

We often talked together here on the floor or in walking back and forth between our offices in the Cannon Building. I am sure that everyone found BILL as warm and friendly as I did for this was the true nature of the man. Also, earlier this year, I was privileged to attend the Interparliamentary Union Conference with him and his lovely wife, Norma, and this provided an opportunity to enlarge upon and extend our friendship.

We will miss BILL MILLS. We will miss his warmth—his winning smile. We will miss his concern for others. My deepest sympathies go to his family. They have lost a loving husband and father and we in the House have lost a dear friend and dedicated public servant.

Mr. MILLS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, we were all deeply saddened and sorrowful at the recent death of our colleague and friend, WILLIAM O. MILLS of the First District of Maryland.

BILL MILLS' distinguished service to his district, to Maryland, and to the Nation goes far back beyond his initial election to Congress in the special election on May 25, 1971. Previous to that time, from 1962 to 1971, he had been a very efficient administrative assistant to Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton, whom he succeeded in the House of Representatives. We shall all remember BILL MILLS as one of the hardest working Members of this body and one who served his constituency effectively and with great dedication.

We all mourn BILL MILLS' passing and our heartfelt sympathies continue to go out to his family and loved ones.

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues with great sadness in paying tribute to the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS, Congressman from the First District of Maryland. It is indeed unfortunate that this able man served for such a brief time in this Cham-

ber, but even so he made his mark as a talented legislator, a good friend and a kind man.

BILL MILLS served the people of America and Maryland long before his election to Congress in 1971 as administrative assistant to then Representative Rogers C. B. Morton. All of us can testify to the importance of this position to the smooth and effective operation of every Member's office, and I feel we were fortunate to have BILL with us in that capacity since 1962.

We will all miss BILL and I offer my sincerest condolences and sympathy to his fine wife and children.

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, the passing of BILL MILLS is a genuine loss to the Congress and the people of the State of Maryland. As a freshman Member of this body, BILL MILLS worked conscientiously and with great effect to serve both his constituents and the country. His dedication to the people he served and to excellence in the performance of his legislative tasks marked him as a public servant in the finest traditions of this body.

Having gained a unique insight into the workings of the Congress while serving on the staff of his distinguished predecessor, the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers Morton. BILL MILLS came to the Congress prepared to make a genuine contribution and possessing a knowledge of the Congress which would assist him in that effort. In the short time that he served he made his mark with his colleagues on the various committees and with his fellow Members. He will certainly be remembered for the fairness and good humor which he injected into our legislative life. I know that we here in the Congress, as well as the people of Maryland will miss BILL MILLS' dedicated service. The country will be deprived of the services of a fine public servant who always kept the best interests of the Nation in mind as he carried out his legislative tasks.

To his wife, Norma, and his children, Lynda and Bill, Jr., Mrs. Cederberg and I extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in expressing my sorrow over the death of BILL MILLS, our beloved colleague from Maryland.

Although BILL MILLS' service as a Representative was all too short, his spirit and ideals had long been felt in the Halls of Congress during his 10 years as administrative assistant to Rogers C. B. Morton.

Both then, and in the past 2 years as Congressman from Maryland's First District, BILL MILLS displayed untiring efforts in behalf of others, as well as true dedication to the welfare of America.

I know that I express the sentiments of all my colleagues when I say that BILL MILLS will be sadly missed. I hope that the high affection and esteem in which we held him will provide some small measure of comfort to his wife and children, to whom I extend my most sincere condolences.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I have suffered a personal loss in the death of our colleague, BILL MILLS.

For many years when he was administrative assistant to Rogers Morton, his office was just across the hall from mine; and representing a coastal North Carolina district as I did, I found many common interests with Maryland's First District.

Like BILL, I served in a staff capacity before my election to Congress and later succeeded the retiring member for whom I had worked.

BILL was assigned to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and on the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee which I have the honor to chair.

Although he was a member of the minority party, BILL and I enjoyed an unusually close relationship and he often sought my advice on matters related to our committee.

In all of my relationships with him, he conducted himself with unfailing courtesy, fairness, warmth, and integrity.

It was my sad duty to attend his funeral as a member of the official congressional delegation and to join there his family and hundreds of friends in paying our last respects.

BILL MILLS served his district, his State, and his Nation well. The House of Representatives will be the poorer for his loss.

Mr. GOLDWATER. Mr. Speaker, every Member of the House has suffered a personal loss in the untimely passing of our dear friend, BILL MILLS. As a dedicated and loyal staff member to former Congressman, and now Secretary of the Interior, Rogers Morton, and for the past 2 years as a Member of this body. BILL MILLS earned the respect and admiration of everyone who was privileged to know him.

BILL was truly a constituent Congressman without peer. He traveled back and forth to his congressional district—the great Eastern

Shore of Maryland—on a daily basis. He loved politics, because he loved people. His constituents sensed this, and they knew that BILL was always available to help them. The residents of the First District of Maryland have lost a great public servant.

BILL was a serious student of government. Yet, he always had time during a particularly long legislative day on the floor to cheer up his colleagues with a word of encouragement or one of his wonderful anecdotes. He understood issues, and it always amazed me how well he retained the details of complex legislation.

Mr. Speaker, each of us who knew BILL MILLS will savor the fond memories of our association. One such memory for me personally happened just 2 months ago. BILL asked me to go over to the Eastern Shore and make a speech to the Republican Club of Dorchester County. I accepted, and we had a wonderful time. The speech was in Cambridge, so I decided to drive over. It was early spring, and driving through the beautiful farm country of Maryland, I think I understood why BILL loved his area and its great people. I'm not sure if my speech was a success, but there was no doubt in my mind after the meeting that I was in "BILL MILLS Country." I will certainly never forget the warm hospitality that I received from BILL and his constituents during the visit.

Mr. Speaker, I have lost a colleague and a friend in the death of BILL MILLS. This House has lost a great Member who was just beginning to make a significant and lasting impact on the Congress. To his dear family I extend my profound sorrow.

Mr. HOGAN. Mr. Speaker, today we pause to honor WILLIAM O. MILLS, my good friend and colleague. It was only 9 days ago that news of BILL's untimely death stunned and shocked every Member of the House of Representatives.

The death of BILL MILLS is a tragedy not only for the House of Representatives, but for the State of Maryland and particularly for the First Congressional District that he represented ably and with complete dedication.

I first became acquainted with BILL during his years of service as administrative assistant to Rogers C. B. Morton who was then Congressman from the First District. When Rog Morton accepted the appointment as Secretary of the Interior in 1971, BILL successfully

ran for the vacancy and immediately established himself as a competent, capable and dedicated Member of the House.

Last November BILL won one of the most convincing victories in the history of the First Congressional District. The residents of Maryland's Eastern Shore knew and respected BILL and he worked hard for their interests in Congress.

I served with BILL on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and worked closely with him on Maryland problems. He was very much aware of the problems of his district and could always be counted on. He was scrupulously conscientious in the performance of his duties.

BILL MILLS was always ready to serve his country. Soon after he graduated from Federalsburg High School in 1941, he entered the U.S. Army and served throughout World War II, distinguishing himself in service with George S. Patton's Third Army. After the crossing of the Rhine River by the Third Army, BILL received the Bronze Star for bravery.

He was always active in civic and fraternal organizations. Among the posts that he held were: President of the Easton Combined PTA; Talbot County chairman for the American Cancer Society; member of the Easton Memorial Hospital advisory board; president of the Easton Rotary Club; exalted ruler of B.P.O.E. 1622, Elks Club. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton.

To better understand what kind of a person BILL MILLS was, let me relate to you a statement made by one of his long-time friends shortly after death:

> BILL MILLS was the kind of person, who, finding a dime on the pavement near a parking meter, would go up and down both sides of the block to locate the person who dropped it rather than put it in his pocket.

After assuming his duties in Congress, in addition to his service on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, BILL was a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, a very important assignment for his district. Early last year, he was named to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

BILL was recognized by his colleagues as a devoted and thoughtful legislator, and he was very well liked in his quiet, friendly way. He never lost his down-to-earth character, he was an honest, hard-work-

ing Eastern Shoreman through and through and his constituents and his colleagues appreciated that.

BILL MILLS was not only my colleague, but a close personal friend. I feel a deep sense of loss. I extend my sympathy to his wife Norma, his two children, Lynda and Bill, Jr., and all his friends.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing my sense of deep personal loss at the untimely death of BILL MILLS. I know the people of Maryland's Eastern Shore will feel his absence also, for BILL MILLS was, first and foremost, a "man for the people," whose total dedication to their welfare was a byword.

As administrative assistant for 10 years to Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton, before that gentleman became Secretary of the Interior, BILL was totally familiar with all of the people, problems, and needs of the First District of Maryland. When he won the special election to fill the unexpired term of Secretary Morton, he immediately set up one of the most demanding schedules of any Member of this House in order to make himself totally accessible to the people of the district.

BILL put in long hours of hard work to fulfill his congressional and district responsibilities. No matter the legislative schedule or the weather, he drove back to the district every night so as to be available to see people and take part in all activities involving the welfare of his constituency.

I spent many hours talking with BILL MILLS, and must say that he was one of the most sincere, honest, and loyal individuals to serve in the House. His personal modesty was such that he probably never realized how much he was loved and appreciated by his colleagues and constituents.

BILL's integrity and honesty was beyond question. It is an utter tragedy that implications drawn by the media from an event of which he had no personal knowledge would make him feel that this integrity was stained to such an extent that he felt he could no longer serve his people. Service was BILL's life, and when he felt he had lost that central core, there was no further reason for living.

I hope that BILL's family knows that we share their grief and dismay and that we will feel his loss as deeply. BILL was a good man, a true American, and his dedication to the people has created a love for him that will be his greatest single memorial.

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, this is a very sad occasion for me, as I am sure it is for all our colleagues. BILL MILLS was one of the finest men it has been my pleasure to know. Quiet, unassuming, and gracious, BILL was a hard worker who left the limelight to others.

BILL's tragic and untimely passing leaves a void here in the House that will be difficult to fill. During his many years here, both as an assistant to our former colleague, Rog Morton, and later as a Member himself, BILL made scores of friends. I was privileged to consider myself in that category. We served together on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and only last December, I was privileged to travel with him and his lovely wife, Norma, on an inspection trip to Germany for the committee.

Mr. Speaker, Rita and I join with all our colleagues in extending our deepest sympathies to Norma and to her two wonderful children, Lynda and Bill, Jr., and in praying that they will have the strength to carry on despite their tremendous loss.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Mr. Speaker, I could express some thoughts about BILL MILLS, and his competence in fulfilling his congressional office, both as the elected Representative of the people of the First Maryland District and as the administrative assistant to former Representative Rogers Morton.

His record in these respects has gotten much attention in the newspapers and in statements by his constituents.

Let me turn my attention to another facet of his character. I did not know him well as a Congressman, but I did know him as a fine fellow and a good companion. He was a cheerful outdoorsman; and I am happy to have enjoyed many hours with him on the Eastern Shore which he loved so much.

Many of us will miss BILL MILLS.

Mr. EDWARDS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleague, Gilbert Gude, in expressing my respect and regard for the late Congressman BILL MILLS. During his 11 years on the Hill, both as an administrative assistant and later as a Member of Congress, BILL MILLS impressed everyone with his hard work, his conscientious efforts, and his ability to get things done.

BILL MILLS was awarded the Bronze Star after crossing the Rhine with General Patton's Third Army. He brought this same determina-

tion to the Congress, and it was evident to the Congress, and it was evident in his dedication to helping his Maryland constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing my sympathy to BILL'S family and his many friends. We will miss him here in the House of Representatives.

Mr. WHALEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my good friend and distinguished colleague from Maryland (Mr. Gude) in pausing this afternoon to eulogize the late Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS.

Although BILL was a Member of the House for only a short time, his congressional career spanned the decade prior to his election when he had the great fortune to work as administrative assistant to his predecessor, the present outstanding Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton. We shall remember for many years the good humor and dedication with which BILL rendered his services as a staff member and as a Congressman from the First District of Maryland.

Mrs. Whalen joins me in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Mills and her children. May BILL rest in peace.

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Speaker, the late Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS was one of the finest men it has been my privilege to know as a Member of this body.

Not only did I admire him as a man of principle and dedication to the ideals of this country, but also I came to have a great respect for his competency.

He was in fact an example of one of the highest accolades that any of us can hope to earn—a Congressman's Congressman.

To his widow and family, I extend my deepest sympathy. It is with great pleasure that I recall our time together at the annual BILL MILLS trail ride last September which my son and I attended. The country has lost a great public servant who served the people of the First District of Maryland with diligence and distinction. We in the Congress have lost a respected colleague, and in my own case, a warm personal friend.

Mr. THONE. Mr. Speaker, it was sad news indeed to hear of the death of BILL MILLS.

He was a man of courage and conviction. He was a quiet and sincere person who was well thought of by Members on both sides of the aisle.

We will miss BILL MILLS, and we express our very best to Mrs. Mills and the family.

Mr. BINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gude) for arranging this special order and wish to join in paying tribute to our late colleague WILLIAM O. MILLS.

BILL MILLS and I were both delegates to the recent meeting of the Interparliamentary Union in Abidjan. The trip provided a welcome opportunity for my wife and myself to get acquainted with BILL and Norma Mills. We found them to be delightful and outgoing people and very much enjoyed the time we were able to spend with them.

The news of BILL MILLS' sudden death, therefore, came as a tremendous shock. It is a tragedy that such a fine man and promising legislator should have his career cut short.

My wife and I extend to Norma Mills and her family our deepest sympathy in their grief.

Mr. KEMP. Mr. Speaker, the Gospel of John declares:

> All things were made through God and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of man. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Darkness cannot overcome light. Neither will the darkness in our lives caused by the passing of BILL MILLS blot out the light of his life.

The untimely death of my friend and colleague, BILL MILLS, gives pause for each of us to take account of the temporal nature of human life. Moreover, it allows each of us to express gratitude for eternal life and lets us reaffirm that those qualities of understanding, devotion, and wisdom with which BILL MILLS was imbued will live on.

The spiritual ideals, of which BILL MILLS' earthly existence was but a mortal manifestation, are those which each of us cannot forget. Our bereavement, our grief, and our mourning is for the loss of human life. We need not mourn BILL MILLS, for his spiritual qualities remain very much with us.

Rather than grieve BILL MILLS' passing, let us make these highly emotional days following BILL's death moments of increased awareness and devotion to life and love and God. It is that which should help each of us embolden our hopes, reaffirm our desires, and rededi-

cate our lives to the good to which each of us, in our own way, has committed ourself.

BILL MILLS was a great American and he will be missed. But that which BILL MILLS represented, those eternal qualities to which we all hold, will be a source of increased strength and purpose. For that, my sorrow is tempered with hope.

THURSDAY, *June 7, 1973.*

Mr. DULSKI. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our able and distinguished colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS of Maryland, came as a great shock to all of us, and particularly to the members of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee on which he had served with distinction.

BILL MILLS, chosen in a special election to fill a vacancy, immediately became a member of our committee and was deeply interested in our legislative responsibilities.

Although he served just less than 2 years as a Member, he was no stranger to Capitol Hill, having served ably for 9 years as administrative assistant to his predecessor, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, now Secretary of Interior.

BILL was a public servant in the true sense of the words. He devoted himself to the interests of the people of his district, taking full advantage of the opportunity which was his to commute daily from his home in nearby Easton.

Our committee is deeply saddened by his loss. He was a quiet, hard-working colleague whom we all miss.

At the outset of our full committee meeting today, the ranking minority Member, the Honorable H. R. Gross, of Iowa, offered a resolution of sympathy. It was adopted by unanimous vote after which the members joined me in standing for a short silent tribute.

Mr. Speaker, I include the text of the committee resolution as part of my remarks:

Whereas, the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS, a Representative from the State of Maryland, served with dedication on the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service since his election to the Congress in 1971; and

Whereas, his brief service with the Committee was illuminated by the development of bonds of friendship and esteem between the Members of said Committee and Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS; and

Whereas, the Committee, both individually and collectively will deeply miss the sense of responsibility and dependability that Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS brought to said Committee: it is hereby

Resolved by the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service in regular session, that it has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS and that it extends its deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. HUDNUT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gude) for arranging this special order and I wish to join in paying tribute to our late colleague WILLIAM O. MILLS.

My staff and I felt close to BILL MILLS and his staff, because we have the same office in the Longworth Building which they occupied before moving to the Cannon Building at the beginning of this 93d Congress. When I first came to Congress as a freshman last January, BILL MILLS was very kind and helpful to me and he would come by my office every so often to see how we were doing.

It was a privilege for me to know and serve with such a fine gentleman and I valued his friendship and advice highly. His constituents in Maryland have lost a very fine Representative, America has lost a good man, and all of us here have lost a good friend.

BILL'S untimely death diminishes us all, and we extend to his family our sincerest sympathy.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, none of us can fully comprehend the tragic death of our colleague, BILL MILLS, which has so shocked and saddened all who knew him. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his widow, Norma and their son and daughter.

All of us who served with BILL in the House of Representatives know what his passing means, in the sense of great loss, to the thousands of people he loved and on whose behalf he worked so hard—his constitutents from his native eastern shore of Maryland. Although he had represented them in Congress a relatively short time, they had demonstrated their strong trust and confidence in him by two convincing election pluralities.

They knew him as one of their own—quiet, unassuming, and wholly dedicated to his family and his duties as a Member of Congress.

We knew him as a congenial, attentive, and knowledgeable colleague who did his homework, was faithful in his attendance, and who had the ability to win friendship and respect from members on both sides of the aisle and from whatever political persuasion. Uppermost in his mind at all times was how to serve his constituents most effectively.

The news of BILL's death had an especially personal impact upon me, since it was only last month that we traveled to the African Republic of the Ivory Coast together as members of the American delegation to the Interparliamentary Union. That common experience outside our regular legislative assignments gave me an opportunity to become better acquainted with BILL and Norma, and Mrs. Latta and I were looking forward to the future when we would have an opportunity to share our time together again.

BILL will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, the tragic loss of the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS has come as a sudden blow to the House of Representatives leaving the many Members who were privileged to know him personally with a deep sense of grief.

I first met WILLIAM MILLS when he was the dedicated and hard-working administrative assistant to his predecessor, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton. When Rogers Morton resigned his seat as Representative for the First District of Maryland it was only natural for the district to elect WILLIAM O. MILLS who had done so much for the people of the area as his successor. There are many citizens on the Eastern Shore who will always be grateful for the way BILL O. MILLS looked after their problems, patiently tracing a social security claim, making repeated calls to a Government agency to obtain needed information, pressing for Federal aid to deal with cases of pollution in Chesapeake Bay and in general doing anything and everything he could to make the Eastern Shore a better place to live.

The short but distinguished congressional career of BILL O. MILLS was only the capstone of a life devoted to public service. WILLIAM O. MILLS served his country valiantly in General Patton's legendary Third Army; after crossing the Rhine in 1945, he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism. Upon his return to the Eastern Shore, BILL devoted his considerable energies to the service of his community, State, and Nation. He was a leading member of St. Mark's Methodist

Church of Easton, Md.; Talbot County chairman of the American Cancer Society and of the American Red Cross; he was also a member of the advisory board of the Easton Memorial Hospital and a member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

The Eastern Shore, the Free State of Maryland, the House of Representatives, and his country will sorely miss the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS.

Mr. BRASCO. Mr. Speaker, the death of our distinguished colleague was as tragic as it was unnecessary, bringing home to us in the most vivid manner the need for constructive change in a number of areas much in the news these days.

I had the pleasure of working with him in the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service on an intimate, daily basis, and knew him to be an able and thoroughly decent man. In his work on the committee, he was diligent, straightforward, and took a keen interest in the problems that concerned us.

He took his responsibilities seriously, setting an example that no one could find fault with.

My heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family and constituents, who have sustained a grievous and painful loss. The Congress will miss him.

FRIDAY, *June 8, 1973.*

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with very deep feelings that I join my colleagues this afternoon in eulogizing our late colleague, BILL MILLS.

It was my privilege to work with BILL closely on a number of major legislative assignments and I knew him as a conscientious, hard-working man. At the same time, he was very warm, pleasant, and always an understanding individual.

BILL MILLS was one of the finest men that I have met in my years of service in the Government. The great potential that he had, based on his knowledge of government and his experience, makes his passing an even greater loss.

Recently, it was my privilege and pleasure to travel with BILL and his wife, Norma Lee, to a special meeting of the IPU in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where he served in an exceptional fashion representing our country in a major meeting of world parliamentarians.

But above all, Mr. Speaker, I feel the loss of a true friend, I only regret that words are inadequate to describe my feelings at the loss of BILL MILLS.

Mrs. Derwinski joins with me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mills and their whole family.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the tragic passing of our colleague and good friend, BILL MILLS.

BILL's long Hill experience as administrative assistant to former Congressman Rogers Morton for nearly 10 years and later as the Representative of Maryland's First Congressional District will be missed by all.

I recall it being said by one of his aides shortly after BILL's death that BILL was completely dedicated to doing his very best for the people he represented. Neither the public nor the Congress could ask more of a man. We're fortunate to have known such dedication in this Chamber.

It was with profound sorrow and deep regret that I learned of BILL's death and it is with deep sincerity that I extend my sympathy to his family.

Mr. LENT. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of our colleague, Congressman WILLIAM O. MILLS of Maryland, was a shocking loss to all of us who knew him and respected his work in Congress.

In the all too brief time in which he was a Member of this body, BILL MILLS distinguished himself by his thoughtfulness and his tireless dedication to his job. As a lifetime resident of Maryland's Eastern Shore, he had a close rapport with its constituents, and he always represented them well.

I know that he will be sorely missed by everyone who had the privilege of serving with him in the House, and by the residents of the First District of Maryland.

I would like to extend to his family and many friends my sincere sympathy.

Mr. HOGAN. Mr. Speaker, the death of my colleague and good friend, BILL MILLS, is a tragedy not only for the House of Representatives, but for the State of Maryland and the district he represented so well.

BILL was recognized by his colleagues as a devoted and thoughtful legislator, and he was very well liked in his quiet, friendly way. On June 7 the Post Office and Civil Service Committee adopted a resolution honoring BILL and I would like to share the sentiments of this resolution with my colleagues:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE,
June 7, 1973.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM O. MILLS

Whereas, the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS, a Representative from the State of Maryland, served with dedication on the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service since his election to the Congress in 1971; and

Whereas, his brief service with the Committee was illuminated by the development of bonds of friendship and esteem between the Members of said Committee and Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS; and

Whereas, the Committee, both individually and collectively will deeply miss the sense of responsibility and dependability that Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS brought to said Committee: it is hereby

Resolved by the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service in regular session, that it has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Representative WILLIAM O. MILLS and that it extends its deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the recent loss of our fine colleague, WILLIAM O. MILLS.

BILL was elected to his congressional seat a few months after I came to Congress, and we had the opportunity to become acquainted when the role of Congressman was new to both of us. I must admit that although BILL was new to the role, he had already demonstrated an untiring dedication to the constituents of Maryland's First District through his previous 9 years of service as administrative assistant to former Representative Rogers C. B. Morton.

BILL MILLS believed in constitutionally sound government, and he knew thoroughly the great responsibilities involved in good legislation. He undertook these responsibilities of congressional service with diligence, quiet efficiency, and fairness.

It was impossible to be around this gentle and friendly man without realizing how deeply he felt about his duty to his family, his elected office, and his country. BILL's service has been cut short but there is no question that all of us are the beneficiaries of his past record of excellence in legislative tasks, and his example as a capable, conscientious and caring human being. We will miss his leadership and companionship.

My wife and I extend our sincerest condolences and prayers to BILL's wife and family in this time of grief.

WEDNESDAY, *June 20, 1973.*

Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, it was with great remorse that I learned of the passing of BILL MILLS. It is always sad to lose a colleague—it is tragic to lose a friend. Therefore, I speak with profound and heartfelt sorrow, because BILL MILLS was my friend.

Whenever the name of a colleague is mentioned, I believe each of us is inclined to associate that name with an image. The image I have of BILL MILLS will always be that of a man who was admired here in this body; a man who was loved and respected in his home, in the community of Easton where he lived, and his beloved native State of Maryland. A man of character and compassion, BILL MILLS was truly a dedicated public servant.

I first met BILL while he was serving as administrative assistant to Rogers C. B. Morton during which time I found him to be a very knowledgeable, concerned, and conscientious staff man. During his first campaign for Congress, BILL and I discussed many of the issues that surfaced and we exchanged ideas on his campaign.

In short, BILL MILLS was, in every sense of the word, a gentleman. His tragic and untimely passing leaves a vacuum that is difficult to understand and will be even more difficult to fill. I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to BILL's widow Norma and to his fine children—Lynda and William, Jr.

Remembering that BILL MILLS participated in the famous crossing of the Rhine River with General Patton in World War II, for which BILL received the Bronze Star Medal, I believe it appropriate to close

with a motto which both General Patton and BILL MILLS knew very well and believed in fully—"duty, honor, country."

BILL MILLS did his duty and served his country and the people he represented with honor.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, the death of WILLIAM O. MILLS is a sad loss to the House, to his district and to his many friends.

BILL MILLS was an honest, courageous man who was sincerely dedicated to his duties as a Congressman. He was knowledgeable about the workings of Congress and he did his homework faithfully. He was truly a public servant.

His responsibility to his constituents was primary in his mind, and he represented them well. He devoted his many energies and talents to helping them.

This hard-working man was a thoughtful, understanding individual who won the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and he is sorely missed by all.

Although BILL MILLS served but a short time in this Chamber, he will always be remembered as a good legislator, a great American and a truly fine gentleman.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Mr. MATHIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker on the afternoon of his final day of service in the House, I was on an elevator with BILL MILLS. When I learned the following morning of his death, I thought of seeing him on his way to the Capitol for what turned out to be his final vote. This reflects what was typical of BILL MILLS. He was on the job.

He worked hard and was doing his very best to represent his constituents well and to help make his State and Nation a better place. I shall remember BILL MILLS as a worker, as a tireless Congressman, as a capable and dedicated man.

Although his time of service as a Member was not lengthy, he could be considered a veteran of the legislative process, having ably served for a number of years on his predecessor's staff. His experience and his willingness to stay on the job contributed to his success as a Member of Congress.

While I did not know him well, I wanted to join with his colleagues in expressing a sense of loss, and to extend my deepest sympathy to his fine family.

Mr. FORSYTHE. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, I want to briefly express my own sorrow over the death of Congressman WILLIAM O. MILLS.

I have lost a friend, the House has lost a competent and effective legislator, and his district has lost a dedicated servant.

It is tragic when anyone dies, but it is especially so when the victim is cut down at the very time that he is emerging as a forceful leader for his people.

It is tragic, indeed, the circumstances that apparently led to his death. BILL MILLS was an unnecessary victim; he should not have died. And had he lived, his constituents would still have the benefit of his vigor and dedication, I am certain, for many years to come.

Though many days have passed since his death, I have not forgotten, nor will I forget, this man I considered a friend.

My sympathy is with his family; they have lost a good man. My hopes are that his constituents will not forget the man who was their Congressman; the man who wanted so desperately to serve them well.

THURSDAY, *June 21, 1973.*

Mr. MALLARY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my many colleagues in this expression of sorrow on the death of our associate and good friend, WILLIAM O. MILLS, of Maryland.

When I arrived in Congress as a freshman, after a midterm election, to take my seat during the middle of the 92d Congress, one of the first people to approach me and offer his help, advice, and services was BILL MILLS. During those difficult, early days he not only offered but provided invaluable counsel and assistance to me. This kind of selfless and generous action was very typical of the kindly and thoughtful person that we all discovered BILL MILLS to be.

During my all-too-brief association with him, I never heard him say a mean or thoughtless word about any person. He showed a gentle and compassionate concern for the welfare and the interests of his constituents as well as the best interests of the Nation as a whole.

I am sure that I join all my colleagues on both sides of the political aisle in saying how deeply we shall miss him here in the Congress.

Mr. GERALD R. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on the day and hour when tributes were paid in this Chamber to the memory of the late Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS of Maryland, but I want to express my own sense of grief and loss at his untimely death. BILL MILLS was one of the most promising and personable of the newer Members on my side of the aisle, a dedicated and hardworking spokesman for his constituents, and a loyal supporter of the Republican Party and of President Nixon's policies and programs for global peace and domestic progress. For nearly a decade he served as administrative assistant to our former colleague, Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton, and successfully won a special election to succeed him in the House in 1970 as representative of his native Maryland's First District on the Eastern Shore. He won reelection in 1972, and I believed that he had a long and bright future as an outstanding legislator until I was shocked and saddened by news of his tragic passing. I extend to his wife Norma and their children the heartfelt sympathy of my wife Betty and me.

PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *May 29, 1973.*

Mr. BEALL. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a resolution (H. Res. 411) which was read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 411

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS, a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That a committee of twelve Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BEALL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator Mathias, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution offered by the Senator from Maryland will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 119) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 119

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable WILLIAM O. MILLS, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. BEALL. Mr. President, our country lost a dedicated public servant in the untimely death last week of Congressman WILLIAM O. MILLS of Maryland.

First as administrative assistant to then Representative Rogers C. B. Morton and then as a Member of Congress in his own right, BILL MILLS demonstrated his sensitivity to the problems of his constituents from the First District of Maryland, whether it be a major project for the district or a small personal request from a citizen, he was always ready and willing to work on it and usually had success.

BILL MILLS enjoyed the friendship and respect of large numbers of people because of his genuine concern for their welfare and his constant availability day or night to be of service. Because he felt it kept him closer to the people and the land he loved, he never moved to Washington but, instead commuted daily from his Eastern Shore home. He reflected well the views of the people he represented and always brought credit to them by his actions in the Capitol.

I know that I will miss his advice and support.

I will miss his feeling for the people of the district he represented.

But more than anything, I will miss the kind, gentle man who was ever cheerful, ever helpful, and dedicated to his country, his family, and his principles.

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